

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ali Mireshghi (Reg. No. 58,726) on 10 December 2008.

This application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 2 and 36.

Replace claims 32 and 34 as follows.

Claim 32:

A method to manage access to a network from a client access device, the method comprising:

requesting access to the network, the requesting involving a first service access provider and a second service access provider;

authenticating a user associated with the client access device in an authentication and authorization exchange, at the first service provider, involving an agent delivered to the client access device, said delivered agent operable to identify the client device configuration data,

wherein the user is a subscriber of the second service access provider;

communicating client device configuration data to the second service access provider via said delivered agent, wherein the client device configuration data includes security setting status data received from executables operating on the client device;

processing the configuration data, by the second service access provider; and;

~~if the user is authenticated and the verification response from the second service access provider indicates acceptance of the client device configuration data accessing the network via the first service provider, receiving a verification response from the second service access provider via the first service access provider.~~

receive a verification response from the second service access provider via the first service access provider; and

if the user is authenticated and the verification response from the second service access provider indicates acceptance of the client device configuration data, access the network via the first service provider.

Claim 34:

A machine readable storage medium storing a set of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to:

request, from a first service access provider, access to a network, the requesting involving a first service access provider and a second service access provider;

authenticate and authorize a user associated with the request in an authentication and authorization exchange, at the first service provider, involving an agent delivered to the client

access device, said delivered agent operable to identify the client device configuration data, wherein the user is a subscriber of the second service access provider;

communicate client device configuration data to the second service access provider via said delivered agent, wherein the client device configuration data includes security setting status data received from executables operating on the client device;

process the configuration data, by the second service access provider,

receive a verification response from the second service access provider via the first service access provider; and

if the user is authenticated and the verification response from the second service access provider indicates acceptance of the client device configuration data, access the network via the ~~second~~ first service provider.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 3 – 35 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Longbit Chai whose telephone number is 571-272-3788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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